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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a currently approved information collection process in support of the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by **[insert date 60 days after day of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-1169, fax: (202) 720-9361, e-mail: [podadmin@fas.usda.gov](mailto:podadmin@fas.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0038.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2012.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* This information is needed to administer CCC's Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops program. The information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of request for funds.

Regulations governing the program appear at 7 CFR part 1487 and are available on the Foreign Agricultural Service's Web site.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 32 hours per respondent.

*Respondents:* U.S. government agencies, State government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and private companies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 5.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,600 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Simpson, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578.

*Request for Comments:* Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Facsimile submissions may be sent to (202) 720-1169 and electronic mail submissions should be addressed to: [podadmin@fas.usda.gov](mailto:podadmin@fas.usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC on \_\_\_\_ June 1 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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